[29th April 1959

Inter-caste marriages

* 185 *Q.*—SRI A. A. RASHEED : Will the Hon. the Minister for Works be pleased to state the total amount disbursed as cash awards to the persons who promoted inter-caste marriages in the years 1957 and 1958?

THE HON. SRI P. KAKKAN : No cash awards are given to persons who promote inter-caste marriages. But rewards in the shape of gold medals are given to those who have done social work like throwing open wells to all castes, helping Harijans to enter hotels and arranging marriage of Harijan girls or boys with other caste Hindus.

Bamboo cultivation

* 186 *Q.*—SRI P. S. SANTHANAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Home be pleased to state—

(*a*) what is the acerage of bamboo coupes in the Forest Department in North Arcot district which was sold in auction during 1957–58; and

(*b*) how much income did the Government derive from such auction of bamboo coupes?

under question No. 201 on the September 1959, the present stage

(*b*) Rs. 1,54,735.

* 187 *Q.*—SRI V. SANKARAN (on behalf of SRI S. M. ANNAMALAI) : Will the Hon. the Minister for Home be pleased to state—

(*a*) in how many acres of land, bamboo is cultivated in our State (district-wise); and

(*b*) how much income is derived from it?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : (*a*) The acreage under bamboo cultivation in the Government forest areas of this State is as follows :

	ACRES.
North Arcot	3,51,594
Coimbatore	4,11,495
Salem	5,80,967
Madurai	1,10,454
Kanyakumari	17,380
Tiruchirappalli	36,021
The Nilgiris	5,422

Figures in respect of lands (other then forest areas) are not available.

(*b*) Total revenue realised during 1957–58 is Rs. 6,99,738.